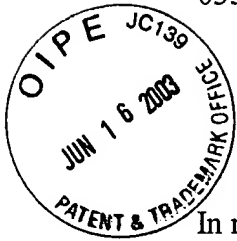


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In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2003, in the above-identified application wherein the Examiner required an election, Applicant hereby elects the embodiment of Figure 1, and identifies Claims 1, 3-5, 7, and 8, as being readable thereon.

In a telephone conference of June 3, 2003, the Examiner acknowledged that the PTO had received Applicant's Preliminary Amendment dated December 6, ²⁰⁰²2003.

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